

Further, such proposed amendment or amendments shall be referred to the appropriate reference committee which shall hold hearings on the proposed amendment or amendments during the course of its regular business while the Association is in convention. If the proposal or proposals are introduced during the first session of the House, hearings shall be held at both the current and the next regular meeting. If the proposal or proposals are introduced during the second session, hearings shall be held at the next meeting, and in either event, prior to submission to the House of Delegates for vote.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT OFFERED

A proposed amendment to the Constitution of the California Medical Association was offered at the 1959 session and, in accordance with provisions of the Constitution, was referred to the Reference Committee on Amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws. The proposed amendment must lie on the table for one year and be published twice during that period in CALIFORNIA MEDICINE.

The reference committee suggested that this pro-

posal be studied by the Constitution Study Committee during the year. The proposal will be referred in 1960 to a reference committee for additional study and recommendations to the 1960 House of Delegates.

Constitutional Amendment No. 1.

Author: Arthur Olson.

Representing: Santa Barbara County Medical Society.

Resolved: That Article VIII of the Constitution of the C.M.A. be amended by renumbering the present sections in said Article to 2, 3 and 4 and inserting a new Section 1 as follows:

Section 1.—Eligibility for Appointment

Eligibility for appointment or election to any position, to any committee, or to in any way represent the C.M.A., or to formulate policy for C.M.A., shall depend on the member's not holding a salaried position with or acting in an advisory capacity for, or being retained by a commercial insurance company or health plan which handles health or accident problems during the term of election or appointment. Nor shall such delegates or committee members hold a remunerative political position either appointive or elective. Association with California Physicians' Service is specifically excluded.

Council Meeting Minutes

Tentative Draft: Minutes of the 447th Meeting of the Council, Los Angeles, Ambassador Hotel, March 14, 1959.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Lum in the Regency Room of the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, on Saturday, March 14, 1959, at 9:30 a.m.

Roll Call:

Present were President Reynolds, President-Elect Foster and Councilors MacLaggan, Wheeler, Todd, Quinn, O'Neill, Kirchner, O'Connor, Shaw, Gifford, Harrington, Davis, Campbell, Sherman, Lum, Bostick and Teall. Absent for cause, Secretary Daniels and Editor Wilbur.

A quorum present and acting.

Present by invitation during all or a part of the meeting were Messrs. Hunton, Thomas, Clancy, Marvin, Whelan, Collins and Mrs. Griffith and Dr. Batchelder of C.M.A. staff; Messrs. Hassard and Huber of legal counsel; county society executives Scheuber of Alameda-Contra Costa, Dermott of Sonoma, Jensen of Fresno, Geisert of Kern, Rosenow and Field of Los Angeles, Bannister of Orange, Donmyer of San Bernardino and Neick of San Fran-

cisco; Dr. Marshall Porter of the State Department of Mental Hygiene; Dr. William Gardenier and Mr. Wilson Wahlberg of California Physicians' Service; Doctors Francis E. West, Dan O. Kilroy, J. Lafe Ludwig and others.

1. Approval of Minutes:

(a) On motion duly made and seconded, minutes of the 445th Council meeting, held February 21-25, 1959, were approved.

(b) On motion duly made and seconded, minutes of the 446th Council meeting, held February 25, 1959, were approved.

2. Membership:

(a) A report of membership as of March 11, 1959, was presented and ordered filed.

(b) On motion duly made and seconded in each instance, four applicants were voted Retired Membership. These were: Alberty, W. M., Logsdon, R. O., San Diego County; Atsatt, Rodney, Santa Barbara County; Proescher, Frederick, Santa Clara County.

(c) On motion duly made and seconded in each instance, seven applicants were voted Associate Membership. These were: Wm. H. Tooley, Alameda-Contra Costa County; Byong Sik Kim, George

A. Skinner, Madera County; Harry March, Placer-Nevada-Sierra Counties; Stanley Wolfe, San Francisco County; Herbert Matthews, Samuel Miller, Santa Clara County.

(d) On motion duly made and seconded, reductions of dues were voted for five members because of illness or postgraduate studies.

3. *Welfare Fund Trustees' Request for Meeting:*

Mr. Hassard discussed the background of a request received from certain union labor welfare fund trustees for further meetings with Association representatives on the subject of medical and surgical indemnities to be paid by their trust funds.

After discussion, tabling and later report by a special committee, it was regularly moved, seconded and voted to adopt the following resolution:

Resolved,

1. The C.M.A. Council favor the determination by each county society of the level of usual fees being charged in its area.

2. The C.M.A. Council recommend that this level of usual fees be expressed as a dollar coefficient to current editions of the C.M.A. relative value study, such coefficient to reflect economic conditions in the area concerned.

3. The Commission on Medical Services be requested to stimulate each county medical society to expedite the determination of this level of usual fees as early as possible. For this purpose the Council recommends that the Commission be augmented by the Committee for Emergency Action on an advisory basis.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the executive committee of the Commission on Medical Services seek to hold another meeting with the fund trustees making the request.

4. *Bureau of Research and Planning:*

Dr. Francis E. West, chairman, reported on a meeting of the Bureau of Research and Planning and submitted several recommendations on which Council approval was sought.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was voted (1) to empower the Bureau of Research and Planning to secure space for a library, (2) to secure the services of a librarian to compile, digest, file and cross-index reference materials, (3) to name, through the Committee on Committee Nominations, two additional members of the bureau to serve in the stead of two members who cannot serve, and (4) to accept the concept that the bureau is an advisory body and is to advise with the various commissions and committees which will then report to the Council.

5. *Report of the President:*

President Reynolds reported on a meeting he had

attended in Pittsburgh, Penn., as a member of the Committee on Medical Care Plans of the Council on Medical Service of the American Medical Association.

6. *Nursing Homes:*

On motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to refer to the Commission on Medical Services the overall study of nursing homes.

7. *California Hospital Association:*

The chairman announced, with sorrow, that Howard Hatfield, president of the California Hospital Association, had died. On motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to send letters of sympathy to Mrs. Hatfield and to the California Hospital Association and to adjourn the present meeting in his memory.

8. *Appointment of Secretary:*

On motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to accept, with regret, the resignation of Dr. Albert C. Daniels as secretary of the Association.

Nominations for secretary were received and on the basis of a written ballot, Dr. Matthew N. Hosmer was elected secretary for the Association year ending with the 1960 Annual Session.

9. *Commission on Public Policy:*

Dr. Dan O. Kilroy, chairman of the Commission on Public Policy, Mr. Ben Read and Mr. Hassard reviewed several bills now before the State Legislature, covering such topics as the right of coroners to retain tissues, cancer control, definition of insanity, right to sue for false and malicious statements against professional licentiates and the public assistance law.

Dr. J. Lafe Ludwig, legislative committee member of both the Association and the A.M.A., reported that the Keogh-Simpson bill, which would provide tax deductions for annual amounts set aside into a retirement fund by self-employed persons, would be on the floor of the House of Representatives on March 16.

Dr. Bostick discussed Assembly Bill No. 13, relating to narcotics. On motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to take no action on this measure.

10. *House of Delegates Resolutions:*

The Council discussed the resolutions referred to it by the 1959 House of Delegates or requiring some action by the Council. The following decisions were reached:

RESOLUTION

No. 7—Referred to Commission on Professional Welfare, through Committee on Insurance.

No. 12—Referred to Commission on Medical Services.

- No. 13—Referred to Commission on Medical Services.
- No. 14—Referred to Commission on Medical Services.
- No. 15—Referred to Commission on Medical Services.
- No. 17—Referred to Commission on Public Policy.
- No. 19—Referred to Commission on Medical Services.
- No. 26—Referred to Commission on Medical Services, liaison committee with Department of Social Welfare.
- No. 27—Tabled.
- No. 29—relative to exfoliative cytology—Referred to Commission on Community Health Services.
- No. 35—Staff to send to county societies and resolution referred to Committee on Other Professions.
- No. 37—Referred to Commission on Public Policy.
- No. 45—Referred to Bureau of Research and Planning for its information, not action.
- No. 46—Referred to Committee on Committee Nominations.
- No. 49 and No. 50—Staff to send copies to Blue Cross plans, C.P.S. and Health Insurance Council, with request that coverage for services of assistant surgeon be provided.
- No. 53—Referred to Committee on Legislation for consideration and framing of suitable legislation which would be brought back to the Council.
- No. 58—Referred to Committee on Postgraduate Study for study and report back to the Council.
- No. 63—Referred to Commission on Community Health Services.
- No. 65—Referred to Committee on Legislation and Commission on Medical Services.
- No. 70—Referred to Commission on Public Policy and to Committee on Committee Nominations.
- No. 72—Staff to refer to Blue Cross, Blue Shield and Health Insurance Council.
- No. 74—Staff to implement.

11. *Finance Committee:*

Dr. Heron, chairman of the Finance Committee, presented a report on bank balances, status of loans, etc., as of March 11, 1959. Report ordered filed.

Discussion was held on a request for a loan by Physicians' Benevolence Fund, Inc. It was agreed to consider this further at a later meeting.

12. *Commission on Medical Services:*

(a) Councilor Harrington, as chairman of the liaison committee with the State Department of Social Welfare, reported on changes in the regulations governing the prescribing of drugs to welfare patients.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to congratulate Mr. George Wyman, recently resigned as Director of the Department of Social Welfare, on his new post with the federal government.

(b) A request of the State Department of Public Health for review of a new set of instructions for the treatment of rabies was reviewed and, on order duly made and seconded, was referred to the Commission on Public Health for study and report back to the Council.

13. *Governor's Conference on Traffic Safety:*

Dr. Bostick reported that C.M.A. representation on the Governor's Conference on Traffic Safety had been requested. On motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to refer this to the Committee on Industrial Health.

14. *Commission on Medical Education:*

Dr. Rosenow presented the new format of *Medical Dates Bulletin* and reported that a pharmaceutical firm had agreed to subsidize the publication of this bulletin for general mailings to the membership each six months and a restricted mailing to medical schools, hospitals and others every two months.

15. *Staff Report:*

Mr. Hunton requested further information on the proposal that commission and committee reports be recorded on magnetic tape for members of the Council. On motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that such reports not be put on tape but be reproduced and augmented by a summary sheet.

Mr. Hassard advised that the staff had suggested that meetings between staff and county society executives and members of the Conference of Local Health Officers be held annually at the time of the Annual Session. On motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to approve this suggestion.

Mr. Hassard also read to the Council the report adopted by the Medical Executives Conference, covering the composition of the conference and its operating procedures.

16. *State Department of Mental Hygiene:*

Dr. Marshall Porter reported that Dr. Daniel Blain, newly appointed Director of the Department of Mental Hygiene, would plan to attend future Council meetings or to be represented at them. He also reported that the department's budget for the 1959-1960 fiscal year had been increased and that

a large part of the increase would be used for professional education.

17. *California Physicians' Service:*

Dr. Heron presented a progress report on the activities of California Physicians' Service, including the proposed new program for older citizens.

18. *Public Relations:*

A request from the San Francisco Medical Society

for support of a television program was reviewed and referred to the staff for consideration and report.

Adjournment:

There being no further business to come before it, the meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

DONALD D. LUM, M.D., *Chairman*

JOHN HUNTON, *Acting Secretary*

In Memoriam

BOWNS, WILLIAM JAMES, JR. Died in Sacramento, March 26, 1959, aged 44, of heart disease. Graduate of University of Southern California School of Medicine, Los Angeles, 1956. Licensed in California in 1957. Doctor Bowns was a member of the Sacramento Society for Medical Improvement.



BOYCE, LEE. Died in San Diego, March 12, 1959, aged 78. Graduate of Jefferson Medical College of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 1903. Licensed in California in 1919. Doctor Boyce was a retired member of the Los Angeles County Medical Association and the California Medical Association, and an associate member of the American Medical Association.



BRANDENBURG, KENNETH C. Died in Long Beach, March 10, 1959, aged 59. Graduate of University of Illinois, College of Medicine, Chicago, Illinois, 1926. Licensed in California in 1930. Doctor Brandenburg was a member of the Los Angeles County Medical Association.



CALVERT, EDWARD HARRISON. Died in El Cajon, March 19, 1959, aged 70. Graduate of Ohio State University College of Medicine, Columbus, 1927. Licensed in California in 1936. Doctor Calvert was a member of the San Diego County Medical Society.



CLARK, IRA JOSEPH. Died March 5, 1959, aged 83. Graduate of Denver and Gross College of Medicine, Colorado, 1908. Licensed in California in 1912. Doctor Clark was a retired member of the San Diego County Medical Society and the California Medical Association, and an associate member of the American Medical Association.



EDISON, EARL MAYNARD. Died in Monterey Park, February 20, 1959, aged 49, of heart disease. Graduate of Northwestern University Medical School, Chicago, Illinois, 1937. Licensed in California in 1945. Doctor Edison was a member of the Los Angeles County Medical Association.



EVERINGHAM, SUMNER. Died in Oakland, March 4, 1959, aged 73, of cerebral hemorrhage and myelofibrosis with thrombocytopenia and anemia. Graduate of Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons, New York, 1910. Licensed in California in 1919. Doctor Everingham was a member of the Alameda-Contra Costa Medical Association.

GIOVINCO, JOSEPH BIVONA. Died in San Francisco, March 20, 1959, of heart disease. Graduate of George Washington University School of Medicine, Washington, District of Columbia, 1924. Licensed in California in 1925. Doctor Giovenco was a member of the San Francisco Medical Society.



HERZOG, GEORGE K., SR. Died in San Francisco, March 16, 1959, aged 80, of complications from a fall in which his hip was broken. Graduate of Cooper Medical College, San Francisco, 1901. Licensed in California in 1901. Doctor Herzog was a retired member of the San Francisco Medical Society and the California Medical Association, and an associate member of the American Medical Association.



JEANS, HOWARD S. Died in Lynwood, February 25, 1959, aged 41. Graduate of George Washington University School of Medicine, Washington, District of Columbia, 1943. Licensed in California in 1944. Doctor Jeans was a member of the Los Angeles County Medical Association.



LEACH, WILLIAM OTTO. Died in Glendale, March 8, 1959, aged 82. Graduate of Wisconsin College of Physicians and Surgeons, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 1908. Licensed in California in 1923. Doctor Leach was a retired member of the Los Angeles County Medical Association and the California Medical Association, and an associate member of the American Medical Association.



MCCLEAVE, THOMAS CROOKE. Died in Berkeley, March 11, 1959, aged 86, of cerebral thrombosis and arteriosclerotic cardiovascular disease. Graduate of Cooper Medical College, San Francisco, 1896. Licensed in California in 1896. Doctor McCleave was a retired member of the Alameda-Contra Costa Medical Association and the California Medical Association, and an associate member of the American Medical Association.



MCGUIRE, THOMAS EDWARD. Died March 16, 1959, aged 77. Graduate of Maryland Medical College, Baltimore, 1904. Licensed in California in 1922. Doctor McGuire was a member of the Los Angeles County Medical Association.



NEWSON, HOWARD E. Died in San Anselmo, March 21, 1959, aged 65, of a coronary occlusion. Graduate of University of California School of Medicine, Berkeley-San Francisco, 1926. Licensed in California in 1926. Doctor Newson was a member of the San Francisco Medical Society.